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SUBJECT: U.S. FIRM WINS CONTRACT FOR BURUNDI ROAD STUDY

REF STATE 175839

AFTER FOUR MONTHS OF STALLING BY BURUNDI FINANCE MINISTER MPOZAGARA, LATTER JAN 15 FINALLY SIGNED STUDY CONTRACT NOTED REFTEL WITH LOUIS BERGER INTERNATIONAL. MPOZAGARA MAY HAVE BEEN HOPING TO EXTRACT PERSONAL PROFIT FOR SIGNATURE (WHICH BERGER REP HERE HAD REFUSED TO OFFER HIM), BUT FINMIN'S REVERSAL OF POSITION CAME AS DIRECT RESULT OF OUR RAISING PROBLEM WITH PRESIDENT MICOMBERO DURING CONVERSATION REPORTED BUJUMBURA 19. (MPOZAGARA IS APPARENTLY VERY BITTER OVER HAVING HIS HAND FORCED) WHILE CONTRACT IS, OBJECTIVELY SPEAKING, USEFUL TO BURUNDI, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT MICOMBERO VERY MUCH INTENDED HIS INTERVENTION TO BE TAKEN AS POLITICAL SIGNAL OF HIS INTEREST IN HAVING U.S. (ESPECIALLY GOVT) TAKE GREATER ROLE IN BURUNDI'S DEVELOPMENT. MARK

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